

# Public Auction Yards Livestock Cattle Auction - Billings, MT (Wed) AMS Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News Montana Dept of Ag Mrkt News

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/29/2025 - Final

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	This Week	Last Reported 10/22/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	2,576	2,196	2,088
Feeder Cattle:	772(30.0%)	544(24.8%)	542(26.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	1,290(50.1%)	1,077(49.0%)	1,088(52.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	514(20.0%)	575(26.2%)	458(21.9%)

Compared to last week: Yearling steers and heifers were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. All calves were too lightly tested to develop any market trend. Demand for calves and yearlings was light to moderate. Quality was mostly plain to average this week with many cut back cattle seen. Most feeder offerings were offered in small packages with many singles noticed. Most calves were un-weaned and very few had fall vaccinations. CME positions sold sharply higher today with all contracts moving 8.00-9.00 or more higher on the November and out contracts. Market activity was moderate. Weigh up cows sold on mostly moderate to good demand for heavy offerings. The majority of todays very large sale was comprised of weigh up cows and bred cows. Quality this week was mostly average to attractive. Small regional cow packers were in the market again this week, however they were not as aggressive as last week and purchased less cattle than the previous week. Slaughter cows sold 5.00-7.00 lower on breaking cows, boning cows and lean cows sold 5.00-10.00 lower. Feeding cow demand was good to very good this week with a large pool of buyers in the stands and bidding over the internet. Demand for thin cows was very good as buyers purchased cows with lots of compensatory gain. Lean feeding cows sold mostly 2.00-5.00 higher. High quality feeding cows sold mostly 3.00-5.00 lower as lighter regional packer demand and very heavy supplies allowed for high quality feeding cows to soften. Very few short term feeding cows were purchased this week as a large buyer pool and very good demand for slightly lame or blemished cows kept short term feeding cows above where packers wanted to purchased this class of cows. Weigh conditions were average to below average this week. Many very full cows were seen this week. Slaughter bulls sold 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls suitable to feed sold steady to 3.00 lower as packers showed lighter demand for all bulls. Young age cows suitable to feed or rebreed sold steady to firm. Demand for these offerings remains good to very good. Quality was mostly average to attractive. Supply included: 30% Feeder Cattle (37% Steers, 63% Heifers, 0% Bulls); 50% Slaughter Cattle (92% Cows, 5% Bulls, 3% Dairy Cows); 20% Replacement Cattle (54% Stock Cows, 46% Bred Cows, 0% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 28%.

### **FEEDER CATTLE**

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	595.00	595.00	345	345	2
Unweaned	535.00	535.00	369	369	4
Unweaned	496.50	495.00-497.50	426	425-427	5
Unweaned	460.00	460.00	464	464	10
Unweaned	405.42	397.50-406.00	586	559-588	56

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	390	390	480.00	480.00	Unweaned
1	560	560	380.00	380.00	Unweaned
4	616	616	355.00	355.00	Unweaned

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HEIFERS - Medium and	l Large 1 (	(Per Cwt /	'Actual Wt)
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	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	437.50	437.50	421	421	5
Unweaned	411.14	385.00-415.00	474	472-488	16
Unweaned	385.74	365.00-392.50	529	520-532	4
Unweaned	373.13	357.50-374.00	563	553-564	56
Fancy	372.50	372.50	607	602-618	9
	309.00	309.00	891	891	6
	307.00	307.00	938	938	10
Full	304.00	304.00	953	953	6

# HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

	Avg Price	Price Range	Avg Wt	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>
Unweaned	380.00	380.00	480	480	3
	306.00	306.00	851	851	7
	296.00	296.00	990	990	6

#### HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
6	1050-1053	1053	282.50-287.00	286.25
3	1108	1108	285.00	285.00

# HEIFERS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	<u>Avg Price</u>	
6	648	648	317.00	317.00	Unweaned

# BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1145	1145	240.00	240.00

# **SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

# COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
20	1408-1940	1662	170.50-177.50	174.80	Average
3	2098	2098	166.00	166.00	Average Heavy Weight
2	1670	1670	174.00	174.00	Average Non-Traditional
40	1528-1628	1567	170.00-176.50	174.43	Average Return to Feed
1	1625	1625	181.00	181.00	High
6	1615-1760	1649	159.00-168.00	165.40	Low
1	2030	2030	164.00	164.00	Low Heavy Weight
10	1428-1658	1548	157.00-166.00	161.44	Low Return to Feed

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COWS -	Boner 80-85% (P	er Cwt / Acti	ıal Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	1385-1598	1496	140.00-160.00	152.50	Average
230	1213-1650	1381	169.00-178.00	173.85	Average Return to Feed
4	1555-1655	1610	165.00-180.00	173.01	High
3	1385-1388	1387	182.00-189.00	186.67	High Non-Traditional
49	1220-1490	1421	179.00-184.50	182.52	High Return to Feed
17	1205-1667	1466	100.00-135.00	121.17	Low
74	1240-1700	1410	137.00-168.00	162.76	Low Return to Feed
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	Lean 85-90% (Pe		=""	Aug Drice	Drossing
<u>Head</u> 4	Wt Range 1021	<u>Avg Wt</u> 1021	Price Range 153.00	<u>Avg Price</u> 153.00	<u>Dressing</u>
230	1021	1021	169.00-177.00	173.34	Average Poturn to Food
230	1164-1182	1202	170.00-177.00	173.34	Average Return to Feed High
6	985-1217	1176	178.00-173.00	171.24	High Return to Feed
39	1018-1383	1175	90.00-125.00	105.08	Low
2	928	928	90.00	90.00	Low Light Weight
211	960-1294	1153	130.00-168.50	159.42	Low Return to Feed
4	1005-1185	1089	65.00-80.00	73.08	Very Low
1	935	935	82.50	82.50	Very Low Light Weight
1	933	933	82.50	82.30	very Low Light Weight
DAIRY C	OWS - Breaker 75	-80% (Per C	wt / Actual Wt)		
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	2115	2115	134.00	134.00	Low Heavy Weight
	OWS - Boner 80-8	· -	-	A Dui	December -
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
29	1473-1830	1643	120.00-127.00	125.85	Low
DAIRY C	OWS - Lean 85-90	% (Per Cwt )	/ Actual Wt)		
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
1	1570	1570	110.00	110.00	Low
DIIIIC	1-2 (Per Cwt / Ac	+			
Head	Wt Range		<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price	<u>Dressing</u>
13	1615-2310	<u>Avg Wt</u> 2013	181.00-192.00	184.06	Average
10	1600-1745	1681	186.00-187.00	184.00	Average Return to Feed
4	2240-2355	2269	193.00-194.00	193.26	High
9	1335-2068	1768	152.00-175.00	166.47	Low
17	1330-1848	1597	167.00-182.50	176.12	Low Return to Feed
1/	1330-1040	1337	107.00-102.30	1,0.17	LOW ACTUINTO I GEO

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# REPLACEMENT CATTLE

	STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>ice</u>	Avg Price	Price Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Wt Range	<u>Head</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Age</u>
4	332.64	232.50-367.00	919	820-1210	117	Ο	<2
0 Thin Fleshe	285.00	285.00	795	795	1	Ο	<2
0	233.50	182.50-310.00	1090	805-1400	79	Ο	2-4

#### STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
<2	0	5	880-1065	979	245.00-286.00	268.04
2-4	0	11	845-1135	975	187.50-240.00	207.49

# STOCK COWS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
<2	0	1	895	895	260.00	260.00

#### STOCK COWS - Medium 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	О	3	725-795	765	265.00-285.00	274.78

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
>8	T2	2	1315	1315	185.00	185.00	
>8	T2	30	1210	1210	217.00	217.00	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	9	1239	1239	195.00	195.00	Thin Fleshed

# BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	Price Range	Avg Price	
2-4	T1	12	1100-1278	1176	3200.00-3400.00	3271.58	
2-4	T2	14	995-1398	1196	3100.00-3500.00	3272.98	
5-8	T2	1	1365	1365	2900.00	2900.00	
>5	T2	6	1213-1388	1330	2900.00-3000.00	2930.41	
>8	T1	35	1262-1495	1314	2700.00-3000.00	2943.01	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	24	1110-1470	1371	2900.00-3100.00	3031.81	Broken Mouth
>8	T2	16	1187	1187	2825.00	2825.00	Thin Fleshed

# BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	8	948-1123	1052	3100.00-3300.00	3159.46
2-4	T2	2	1190	1190	3000.00	3000.00
2-8	T2	3	1223	1223	2850.00	2850.00

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5-8	T2	4	1207-1325	1237	2700.00-3100.00	2992.84		
>5	T2	9	1275-1670	1384	2750.00-2850.00	2818.89		
>8	T2	9	1075-1493	1336	2300.00-2825.00	2732.22	Broken Mouth	

#### BRED COWS - Large 1 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Avg Price
>5	T2	1	1385	1385	2700.00	2700.00

#### BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T2	1	940	940	325.00	325.00

#### Please Note:

The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.